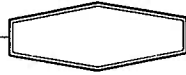


ASH GROVE CEMENT COMPANY



July 17, 1996

"WESTERN REGION"

Mr. James L. Nolan
Director - Compliance Division
Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Agency
110 Union Street
Suite 500
Seattle, Washington 98101-2038

Dear Mr. Nolan:

As we discussed this morning, Ash Grove is involved in the following projects to attempt to control possible fugitive emission sources:

- 1.) 531.030 Conveyor Belt from Clinker Silos to Finish Mill Building
 - a.) We will be removing historical build-up located near the top of the belt conveyor. This is primarily being done to eliminate weight from the support structure.
 - b.) We will remove the conveyor covers to lessen the weight further.
 - c.) Finally, we will be wrapping the entire conveyor belt with Griffolyn TX 2150, a reinforced plastic covering. See attached "copied" brochure.

Project should be completed within the next two or three weeks.
- 2.) 471.170 Conveyor Belt from the G-Cooler discharge to Clinker Silos
 - a.) We will wrap the conveyor belt with the Griffolyn TX 2150 material.

Project should be completed within the next two or three weeks.
- 3.) We are in the process of designing the kiln leaf-seal for the kiln shroud
We anticipate completion within the next couple of months, but a definitive date is not known.

Ash Grove Cement Company has a long standing record of excellent community relations and stands by its commitment of being a good neighbor. As I stated earlier, we were quite confident that the projects we have completed the last couple of months would have netted good results for airborne particulate. We are continuing those efforts.

Sincerely,

Ash Grove Cement Company
Henrik Voldbaek
Plant Manager

cc: Portland, Overland Park, Matt Cohen, Jerry Brown

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